

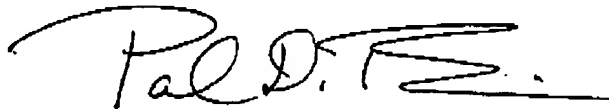
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Application No.: 10/078,030  
Examiner: G. Jackson

**Remarks**

In light of the foregoing, Applicant submits that the Response to Office Action filed August 4, 2004 is in compliance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. 1.121. If any questions remain regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

No fee is believed to be due with this submission. However, please charge any required fee (or credit any overpayments of fees) to the Deposit Account of the undersigned, Account No. 500601 (Docket No. 782-A02-012-3).

Respectfully submitted,



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